



BOROUGH OF BEWDLEY.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

Medical Officer of Health

FOR

1915.

BEWDLEY :

H. G. PERKINS, PRINTER, LOAD STREET.

To the Town Council of Bewdley.

BEWDLEY,

FEB. 2nd, 1916.

GENTLEMEN,

The instructions from the Local Government Board issued this year state that "the Board consider that many of the details usually inserted in the annual report, such as a description of the district, and of the water supply, sewerage and sewage disposal, etc., may be omitted, and that the report may be confined to a record of what has taken place during the year." I shall, therefore, confine myself strictly to such a record.

There were 57 births registered during the year, **Birth Rate.** giving a rate of 20·76 per 1,000 of the population.

There were only 26 deaths registered in the Borough, **Death Rate.** giving a rate of 9·47 per 1,000 for the year—the lowest for many years.

Of these there were :

Under 1 year	4
Over 1 year and under 5 years		...	3
" 5	" 15	"	...None
" 15	" 25	"	... 1
" 25	" 65	"	... 4
" 65 14
			—
			26
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Fourteen of these were over 70 years of age, more than half, and six were over 80.

There were four deaths of children under 1 year of **Infantile** age, giving a rate of 70 per 1,000 children born. **Death Rate.**

Six cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year, none of which were fatal, two cases of Erysipelas, **Infectious** three of Scarlet Fever, one of which had to be removed **Diseases.** to the Isolation Hospital, one case of Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis in a child, which proved fatal, ten cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, and one of Tubercular Meningitis, which was fatal.

Housing.

No new houses have been built during the year, four have been closed, six have been made fit for habitation, four have been demolished, and one is now under process of reconstruction to make it habitable. Under the Housing and Town Planning Act, 35 inspections have been made during the year; the rents of the houses inspected varied from 1/9 to 4/6 a week. In the case of four of these closing orders have been made. Three hundred and eighty-seven inspections have been made during the year, and 228 notices served, 13 of which were statutory.

Closet Accommodation.

There are now 318 Water Closets in the Borough, 97 Pail Closets, and 127 middens. Three middens have been converted into pail closets, and two pails into water closets, during the year.

Sewerage.

A branch sewer leading from High Street to Severn Side South, which was formerly made of bricks, was converted into a pipe sewer.

The main sewer from the North end of High Street, which runs at the back of Load Street and part of Severn Side South to open into the Severn at the bottom of Lax Lane, had become badly silted up. It was, therefore, opened in several places and thoroughly cleaned out.

Food and Drugs Act.

One carcase of a pig and 17 tins of preserved food were found unfit for human consumption, and destroyed.

Workshops.

There are 21 Workshops on the register, including 5 Bakehouses; 35 inspections were made during the year, and two notices of defects served, and the defects remedied.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

U. W. N. MILES,

Medical Officer of Health

TABLE 1.

YEAR.	Population Estimated to Middle of each year.	BIRTHS.			TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.		TRANSFERABLE DEATHS.		NETT DEATHS BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.		
		Un- cor- rected Number	Nett. Number	Rate.	Number	Rate.	Of Non- residents registered in the District.	Of Resi- dents not registered in the District.	Under 1 Year.	Rate per 1000 nett Births.	At all Ages. Number Rate.
1910	2866	61	61	21.28	43	15		7	10	163	50 17.09
1911	2866	74	74	26.95	33	12.02		10	5	67	42 15.26
1912	2745	54	54	19.66	31	11.29	1	10	5	92	41 14.93
1913	2745	71	71	29.5	30	10.92	2	6	6	84	34 12.38
1914	2745	63	63	22.95	38	13.47	2	11	4	63	47 17.11
1915	2536	57	58	22.87	26	10.25		8	4	70	34 13.4

Total population at all ages, 2745; Total families or separate occupiers, 665; at Census, 1911.

Area of District in Acres (land and inland water), 2105.

TABLE II.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during
the year 1915.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED.						
	At all Ages.	At Ages—Years.					
		Under 1.	5 and under 15 years	15 and under 25 years	25 and under 45 years	45 and under 65 years	65 and up- wards
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	6		5	1			
Erysipelas ...	2						2
Scarlet Fever ...	3		1	1	1		
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis...	1		1				
Pulmonary Tuberculosis...	10		4	1	3	2	
Other forms of Tuberculosis...	1	1					
Totals ...	23	1	11	3	4	2	2

Kidderminster Borough Isolation Hospital.

Worcester County Tuberculosis Sanatoria.

TABLE III.

Causes of, and Ages at Death during the year 1915.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	All Ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 2 years	2 and under 5 years	5 and under 15 years	15 and under 25 years	25 and under 45 years	45 and under 65 years	65 and up- wards
Influenza ...	1						1		
Tuberculosis									
Meningitis...	1	1							
Cancer, malignant Disease...	2							1	1
Meningitis ...	1			1					
Organic Heart Disease...	5					1		1	3
Bronchitis ...	5								5
Pneumonia (all forms)...	3	1	1						1
Nephritis and Bright's Disease	2							1	1
Other Accidents and Diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition ...	1						1		
Congenital Debility and Malformation, including Prema- ture Birth ...	1	1							
Violent Deaths, ex- cluding Suicide...	1						1		
Other Defined Diseases...	6		1	1				2	2
Diseases ill-defined or unknown...	5	1					1		3
Totals ...	34	4	2	2		1	4	5	16

SUB-ENTRY : Cerebro-spinal Meningitis (2 and under 5), 1.

TABLE IV.

Infantile Mortality during the Year 1915.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	3 to 4 weeks.	Total under 4 weeks.	4 weeks and under 3 months.	3 months and under 6 months	Total Deaths under 1 year.
Tuberculosis Meningitis...				1	1
Pneumonia (all Forms...			1		1
Congenital Malformations	1	1			1
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus			1		1
Totals ...	1	1	2	1	4

Nett Births in the year ... Legitimate, 58.

Nett Deaths in the year ... Legitimate. 4.

